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SUBJECT: SPANISH ARMS SALES

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED US POSITIONS OUTLINED IN REFTELS WITH MFA OFFICIALS PEREZ-MAURA AND MONDE OF GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS ON JULY 16. THEY NOTED THAT GOS ALREADY CONSULTING ON CASE BY CASE BASIS AS US PREFERS, AND WILL CONTINUE TO DO SO UNLESS PRECEDURE PROVES TO BE TOTALLY UNWORKABLE.

2. THEY REITERATED MFA'S STRONG CONCERN OVER CONTINUED US OPPOSITION TO SALE OF F-5'S TO LIBYA. NOTED ONCE AGAIN THAT LIBYANS MAKING PROPOSED F-5 DEAL, ALTHOUGH OF LIMITED MILITARY IMPORTANCE, MAJOR TEST OF GOS FRIENDSHIP FOR LIBYA. COMMENTED THAT MFA PARTICULARLY HOPEFUL OF FAVORABLE US REPLY ON F-5'S, SINCE IT WOULD HAVE ENABLED NEW SPANISH AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO LIBYA, ROBLES PIQUER, TO MAKE AUSPICIOUS BEGINNING. PEREZ-MAURA CONCLUDED THAT GOS STILL GIVES AIRCRAFT SALE HIGH PRIORITY AND NOW CONSIDERING HIGH LEVEL APPEAL TO USG.

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3. TAKING NOTE OF US DISAPPROVAL OF SALE TO INDIA WITHOUT

SIGNIFICANT COMMENT, MFA OFFICIALS SAID SANTA BARBARA ARMS  
INDUSTRY NOW HAS POSSIBILITY OF SELLING ABOUT ONE HUNDRED 106'S  
EACH TO NIGERIA AND KUWAIT AND WOULD LIKE TO HAVE US VIEWS  
PROMPTLY.  
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